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SUBJECT: UN RESTRUCTURING: APPOINTMENT OF UN DIRECTOR-  
GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPER-  
ATION

1. AMB LEONARD AND MISOFF CALLED ON SYG MARCH 3 TO TAKE  
UP SERIES OF PERSONNEL QUESTIONS. THIS TELEGRAM REPORTS  
DISCUSSION ON APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR GENERAL (DG).
2. AMB LEONARD RECALLED DECEMBER CONVERSATION BETWEEN SYG  
AND AMB YOUNG DURING WHICH WALDHEIM HAD RUMINATED ON QUAL-  
IFICATIONS OF ENRIQUE IGLESIAS FOR APPOINTMENT TO POST OF  
DG, NOTING THAT US REGARDED IGLESIAS VERY HIGHLY. EM-  
PHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE US ATTACHED TO THE  
POSITION AND NOTING THAT CONSULTATIONS WERE TO TAKE PLACE  
WITH MEMBER COUNTRIES, AMB LEONARD INQUIRED WHETHER THE  
SYG COULD GIVE US HIS PRESENT THINKING.
3. AFTER BRIEFLY REVIEWING THE LIST OF OFFICIAL CANDI-  
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DATES, WALDHEIM ANALYZED THE CLAIMS OF ASIA, AFRICA AND  
LATIN AMERICA TO THE POSITION. IN HIS VIEW, ASIA WAS  
CLEARLY WELL-REPRESENTED AT SENIOR LEVELS OF THE UN SYS-  
TEM. HE MENTIONED COREA (SYG, UNCTAD) SPECIFICALLY AS  
AN EXAMPLE OF HIGH-LEVEL ASIAN REPRESENTATION IN THE  
SECRETARIAT, OBSERVING THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO NAME  
ANOTHER ASIAN TO THE POST OF DG "WHICH WAS IN THE SAME

FIELD". AS REGARDS AFRICA, THE ARAB STATES WERE CLEARLY OVER-REPRESENTED AT TOP LEVELS IN THE UN SYSTEM AND THERE WAS "NO REASON" TO APPOINT ANOTHER ARAB AS DG. ON THE OTHER HAND, BLACK AFRICA WAS UNDER-REPRESENTED. AS FOR LATIN AMERICA, IT WAS TRUE THAT THE REGION HAD LOST OUT BOTH FOR THE POST OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNIDO (BASICALLY BECAUSE THE CANDIDATE FROM LATIN AMERICA DID NOT POSSESS CONVINCING QUALIFICATIONS) AND SUBSEQUENTLY FOR THE POST OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNEP (BECAUSE OF LATIN AMERICAN INABILITY TO PRODUCE A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE). AND WHILE IGLESIAS BROUGHT OUTSTANDING QUALIFICATIONS, WALDHEIM WAS NOT SURE HE COULD CHOOSE A LATIN AMERICAN OVER AN AFRICAN IN VIEW OF AFRICAN CLAIMS FOR THE POST ON GROUNDS OF PRESENT DISTRIBUTION OF GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION AT SENIOR LEVELS AND SUCH CONSIDERATIONS AS THAT THE AFRICANS HAD TAKEN THE INITIATIVE AT THE MAURITIUS MEETING TO ESTABLISH THE DG POST AND THAT THE AFRICAN REGION WAS MOST IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE. CLEARLY, IF HE APPOINTED A LATIN AMERICAN, IT "WOULD CREATE PROBLEMS WITH AFRICA".

4. FURTHER ON THE LEVEL OF PERSONALITIES, WALDHEIM FELT THAT APART FROM THE PROBLEMS OF REGIONAL CLAIMS, KHALID HAD "OVERDONE" HIS CAMPAIGN AND WAS NOW ACTUALLY LOSING GROUND AS WITNESSED BY HIS FAILURE TO OBTAIN AFRICAN ENDORSEMENT AT THE TRIPOLI OAU MEETING AND BY

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THE FACT THAT THE OAU CHAIRMAN HAD MADE CLEAR THAT BLACK AFRICA WAS FIRMLY OPPOSED TO KHALID'S CANDIDACY. KHALID, WHILE HIGHLY QUALIFIED IN OTHER RESPECTS, WAS NOT AN ECONOMIST AND TENDED TO VIEW THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DG AS BASICALLY "A POLITICAL FUNCTION". AS FOR THE NIGERIAN CANDIDATE, HE DID NOT BRING OUTSTANDING QUALIFICATIONS. IN WALDHEIM'S VIEW THE BEST AFRICAN CANDIDATE WAS DADZIE WHO HAD AN ECONOMICS BACKGROUND, GREAT KNOWLEDGE OF THE UN SYSTEM, WOULD FIT IN WELL IN THE SECRETARIAT, WAS A VERY "REASONABLE" MAN AND HAD DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB IN CHAIRING THE RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE. WALDHEIM CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT "IF IT HAS TO BE AN AFRICAN, IT WILL BE DADZIE".

5. THE SYG EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS STILL THINKING ABOUT THE PROBLEM AND HAD REACHED NO DECISION. HE DID NOT EXPECT TO ANNOUNCE HIS CHOICE UNTIL THE END OF MARCH.

6. IN CONCLUSION, WALDHEIM INVITED US COMMENTS ON HIS ANALYSIS AND DRIFT OF THINKING. AMB LEONARD THANKED THE SYG FOR HIS FRANK EXPOSITION AND SAID HE WISHED FIRST

TO REPORT IT TO THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE CARRYING THE DISCUSSION FURTHER.

7. COMMENT: WALDHEIM'S REMARKS MADE CLEAR THAT CONSIDERATIONS OF REGIONAL BALANCE OF REPRESENTATION AT TOP LEVELS OF THE UN SYSTEM WEIGH HEAVILY IN HIS APPROACH TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DG AND THAT ON THIS BASIS BLACK AFRICA IS THE FRONT-RUNNER. WHILE NOT RULING OUT LATIN AMERICAN CLAIMS AS FIRMLY AS THOSE OF ASIA AND THE

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ARAB STATES, WALDHEIM DID EXPRESS SOME IRRITATION WITH THE DIFFICULTY OF DEALING WITH THE LATIN AMERICANS ON QUESTIONS OF THIS SORT, REFERRING TO THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP AS "NOT COOPERATIVE AT ALL". HE RECALLED NOT ONLY THE HISTORY OF APPOINTMENTS OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF UNIDO AND UNEP REFERRED TO ABOVE, BUT ALSO TO HIS RECENT INABILITY TO GET THE LATIN AMERICANS TO PRODUCE ANYONE FOR THE POST OF SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR CYPRUS, WHICH HE HAD OFFERED TO THEM. THIS, TOGETHER WITH HIS VIEW OF DADZIE AS THE BEST OF THE AFRICAN CANDIDATES, APPEARS TO REINFORCE DAVIDSON'S ASSERTION IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATION WITH US THAT ALL SIGNS POINT TO THE SYG INEVITABLY MOVING TO APPOINT DADZIE TO THE POST. IN THIS SITUATION, WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS DESIRABLE OR NECESSARY TO URGE ANY OTHER COURSE OF ACTION ON WALDHEIM. LEONARD

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